

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, throughout our country's history, courageous men and women of the Palmetto State have answered the call to protect and defend justice, liberty, and the freedom we hold so precious; and

WHEREAS, rising above the call of duty at the risk of grave injury and loss of life, a celebrated few of these fearless servicemembers distinguished themselves as heroes in the eyes of their comrades through their bravery and self-sacrifice; and

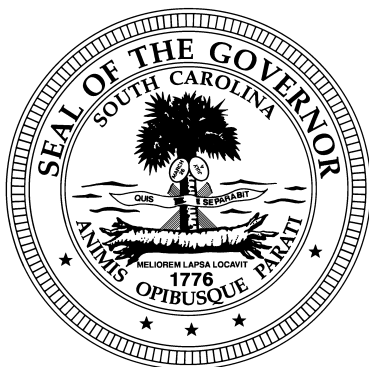
WHEREAS, in 1862, the United States Congress established the Medal of Honor as the highest award to be given to members of our country's military forces in recognition of their incredible valor during armed conflict; and

WHEREAS, "Honoring Valor," a Medal of Honor Celebration, pays special tribute to these heroic champions of courage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2004, as

MEDAL OF HONOR DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to remember with honor and celebrate with respect the brave heroes who have earned this recognition through fearless self-sacrifice in defense of our country and the ideals on which it was founded.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA